Villages without telephone connections

382. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages are there in the country without telephone connections, State-wise;

(b) by when each village in every State will have at least one telephone; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to bring the whole country telecomised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As on March 09, 1995, there are 4,31,672 villages without telephone connections. The State-wise details are given in Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Government have adopted a policy of providing a Public Telephone to each village in every state of the country progressively by 1997, subject to availability of resources.

Statement

State-wise details of villages without Public Telephone Facility upto 09-03-1995

Sl. No.	Circle/State	Ttoial Number of inhabited villages	No. of Villages without public Telephone connection as on 09-03-1995
1	Andhra Fradesh	29341	9015
2	Assam	20459	14871
3	Bihar.	79208	68695
4	Gujarat Including Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	18735	7039
5	Haryana	7190	1050
6	Himachal Pradesh	16997	14299
7	Jammu & Kashmir	6447	5275
8	Karnataka	27024	18882
9	Kerala	1530	6
10	Madhya Pradesh	71386	48726
11	Maharashtra (including Goa)	36187	19329
12	North-East (Including Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal, Meghalaya, Tripura & Manipur)	15192	13377
13	Orissa	51057	43441
14	Punjab	13252	5132
15	Rajasthan.	37889	28947
16	Tamil Nadu Including Pondicherry	15826	3272
17	Uttar Pradesh	112568	91443
18	West Bengal Including Sikkim & A&N Islands	43306	38848
	TOTAL	603594	431672